



December 22 UMCOR U.S. Disasters

UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States. When disaster strikes, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding—that disaster response is local—forms the foundation for UMCOR's US disaster training and response. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, community collaboration to churches and partners making them more resilient to disasters.

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Sunday, December 22,

2024

9:30 am

Livestream at 9:30am on
our Facebook page.

Welcome to worship at
[Mt Nittany Church](#)

Belief in God's promise
is more than just
accepting it, it is living
and responding to that
fulfillment!

Giving:

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Greeting

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent

Wreath

One: There are many kinds of
love in this world:

**Many: Between parents and
children, with extended
family, for friends we have
known all our lives,**

One: romance pressured by the
season, and the selfless
kindness of strangers.

**Many: We're all looking for
love.**

One: The angel called on Mary
to bring God-with-us into the
world, to love and nurture
Jesus.

**Many: The conversation
started with, "Do not be
afraid!"**

One: O, make us brave to say it!

Many: Love requires courage.

(Light the first, second, third, and fourth candles.)

One: "Happy is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill the promises he made to her." (Luke 1:45, CEB)

Many: Our in-breaking God is love.

Centering Words

Psalm 113

1 Praise the Lord!

**Praise, O servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.**

2 Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and forevermore.

**3 From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

4 The Lord is high above all nations and his glory above
the heavens.

**5 Who is like the Lord our God,
who is seated on high,**

6 who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?

**7 He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,**

8 to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.

**9 He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.**

Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Father God, there is no miracle as grand as birth. As we prepare for the coming of your son, Jesus, create in us new life. Transform us so that we may reflect the light of your son, and become beacons of goodness, kindness, compassion, generosity, honesty, patience, and peace, in a word ... love, for the sake of the one whose name brings deliverance and life to all the world, Jesus Christ, infant king. Amen.

***Opening Praise**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing #240

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming #216

Scripture

Luke 1: 26-45

Choir Anthem

A Great Light

Children's Message

Message

Belief in God Fulfilling God's Promise

Gospel Praise

To a Maid Engaged to Joseph #215

Peace

***Offertory Response**

Come and See the Glory of the Lord

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Projected

Prayers for the World

Projected

***Closing Praise**

Love Came Down at Christmas #242

*Sending

Postlude

*You are invited to stand as you are able or willing.

Prayer List

Jon Hickey, Pat Sankey, Kurt Behers, Barbara Gotwalt, Barrie Kintner, the family of Carrie Wyten, Regina Reichard, Mary Heltman, Hurricane relief, The Yarnell Family, Mary Jane Johnson, Dennis Swimley Family, Joann Voigt

Announcements

Special Envelopes - UMCOR

Their are special envelopes to give donations to UMCOR that will go to help victims of the recent hurricanes. The envelopes are located in the pews and at the back of the Sanctuary beside the donation bucket. If giving by Check please write on the memo line "UMCOR."

Church Family Christmas Brunch

Join your church family for a Christmas brunch following the worship service today. Bring your favorite dish to share with others like salads, main dishes, side dishes, desserts. Drink and place settings will be provided. Hope to see you there.

Christmas Eve Focus Mission

The Christmas Eve focus mission will be for UMCOR.

Calendar

December 22-28

Sunday

Friendship Class	8:30am	Boardroom
Worship	9:30am	Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School	9:30am	S/C Ed. Rm
Donuts + fellowship	10:30am	FLC
Longest Night Service	7pm	Sanctuary

Monday

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
Soccer	5:30-7pm	FLC

Tuesday

Office Closed		
Family Christmas Eve Service	5pm	Sanctuary
Traditional Christmas Eve Service	7pm	Sanctuary

Wednesday

Office Closed Merry Christmas